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TAGS: PPDC, MPOL, UK

SUBJECT: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER

PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER  
TO PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN ASAP, AND CONFIRM BY  
IMMEDIATE CABLE WHEN DELIVERY HAS BEEN MADE. SIGNED  
ORIGINAL FOLLOWS BY POUCH.

BEGIN TEXT.

DEAR JIM:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR AUGUST 8 LETTER, CALLING MY ATTENTION  
TO NEW INFORMATION ON SOVIET TANK CAPABILITIES AND TO  
IMPLICATIONS FOR THE ALLIES. WE ARE STUDYING THIS  
INFORMATION AND YOUR ASSESSMENT WITH INTENSE INTEREST.

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I ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSAL FOR SOME  
SORT OF UK-US-FRG COLLABORATION ON A TANK TO ENTER  
SERVICE IN THE LATE 1980'S.

THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND DEFENSE AND THE INTEL-  
LIGENCE COMMUNITY ARE LOOKING URGENTLY INTO THE VARIOUS

POINTS YOU RAISED. WE WILL SHARE OUR PRELIMINARY  
VIEWS WITH YOU ON THOSE COMPLEX MATTERS AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE, ALTHOUGH I DOUBT THAT WE WILL BE READY  
BY THE END OF AUGUST.

WITH WARMEST REGARDS,

SINCERELY,

JIMMY CARTER

END TEXT.

CHRISTOPHER

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